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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT 31ST UNGA - INDONESIA

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1. APPRECIATE REPORT REFTTEL.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH NORWEGIANS AND OTHERS ABOUT NORTH KOREAN LINE RE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS BARRING SERIOUS NORTH-SOUTH TALKS (PARAGRAPH 2 REFTTEL), YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT SUCH TALKS IN FACT LASTED FOR ABOUT A YEAR (1972-73) WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS. MOREOVER, NORTH KOREA'S STATED REASONS FOR RUPTURING THOSE TALKS CENTERED ON ROK DOMESTIC POLITICAL CLIMATE AND DID NOT INCLUDE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS. THUS, CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS CURRENT LINE IS SPECIOUS AND PROPAGANDISTIC.

3. (FYI: THOUGH NORTH KOREANS REPORTEDLY ARE NOT CIRCULATING CONCRETE PROPOSALS IN JAKARTA, WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE DONE SO ELSEWHERE IN FORM OF AN ADDITION TO THE ALGERIAN ANNOTATION ON THE KOREAN AGENDA ITEM OF THE NON-ALIGNED WHICH CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM KOREA. SHOULD THIS ALSO SURFACE IN JAKARTA, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IT. END FYI.)

4. AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT ROK SHOULD TAKE LEAD IN REPRESENTATIONS WITH ASSURANCES THAT SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED IF NEEDED AND COORDINATED WITH OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS. KISSINGER

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